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and Things

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WHAT A DIFFERENCE  
In mingling with the crowd in front of the Elba Theater Tuesday night listening to election returns, I could not help contrasting the difference of feeling between Sheriff H. D. Tillman, Tax Assessor Bill Wise and Solicitor Lewis Stephens, all of whom were sitting prettily on the sidelines with their posts secure, compared with the tense uncertainty of Ben Conner, Doc Littleton and Bill Stokes.

Especially true was the tense feeling existing in the minds of Conner and Littleton when reports from all of the counties 37 beats were totaled unofficially and showed Conner with a slim lead of seven votes, it still didn't entirely settle the race. When it is that close, nothing is definite until the official canvass which will be made Thursday.

**GOOD FORMATIONS—NO OIL**  
The oil well drilling operation on the R. S. Strickland farm 2 1/2 miles southwest of New Brockton, failed to find any oil. The contracted drilling depth of 3,800 feet was reached. Those operations stopped there. Those in charge were reported favorably impressed with underground formations.

**ANOTHER DAUGHTER**  
Mr. & Mrs. C. M. Rudd announce the birth of a daughter Tuesday, June 1, at a Troy hospital. She is their second daughter. Mrs. W. R. Jordan of Dothan is maternal grandmother and Mrs. W. M. Rudd is paternal grandmother.

**ELABORATE FLOWER GARDEN**  
Flourishing the most elaborate garden floral display in Elba is in front of and surrounding the home of Mr. & Mrs. Dave Johnson on West Simmons Street. When Mr. Johnson was asked what kind of flowers were in the garden, he replied, "Every kind my wife can find or hear about." It is an amazing transformation for a few years ago this lovely flower garden was occupied by the old Presbyterian church and ugly surroundings. Mr. Johnson said he does not do much work in the yard now and takes little credit for the beautification but said he did spend many a moonlight hour clearing up the premises after he purchased it.

**SUCKERS ANSWER CALL**  
Milton Edmondson is the authority for the following tale. A game warden drove up beside a local fisherman and told him he had too many fish in his boat. He replied that he had not caught them but stood up and yelled out, "Y'all Come" and the fish had swarmed into the boat. The warden looked and as he did not see any hook marks on the fish and as they were all suckers, there was nothing he could do about it.

**TWO MARRIAGE LICENSES**  
Licenses to wed were issued from the Elba probate office last week to:  
Willie McDonald, 53, Opp Rt. 2, and Mrs. Agnes McDonald, 32, Opp Rt. 2.  
John Frank Lindsey, 37, (col), Opp Rt. 3, and Doris Mylene Long, 25, (col), Opp Rt. 3.



Bill Poole, who played a lot of football for Elba High and was also a good student, is shown receiving his diploma from Supt. S. J. Casey at graduation exercises May 21 at the football stadium. Bill plans to continue his schooling in the field of electrical engineering next fall. (Clipper)



S. J. Casey, superintendent of city schools, presented diplomas to the 14 seniors at graduation exercises at the football stadium May 21. Celia English is shown receiving her diploma.

**School Trustees Appointed**  
A new trustee was appointed for Mt. Pleasant and Basin at the regular meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education Friday morning at the court house. At Mt. Pleasant the resignation of H. H. Sessions was accepted and Max Bruce appointed to finish out the unexpired portion of the term. S. O. Parker resigned as a trustee at Basin and John Glen Mack was appointed in his place. At the Basin school, the resignation of Rev. M. L. Seay who is attending a church convention in St. Louis this week. Rev. A. L. Strover will show a mission film at both schools and the principals were asking help in paying for varnish and wax. Mr. Harrell said no definite promise can be made but an effort will be put forth to help as soon as possible. The board thanked the county commissioners for the calculator purchased for the superintendent's office.

**FLEETWOOD CARNLEY**  
Fleetwood Carnley will occupy the pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday morning in the absence of Rev. M. L. Seay who is attending a church convention in St. Louis this week. Rev. A. L. Strover will show a mission film at both schools and the principals were asking help in paying for varnish and wax. Mr. Harrell said no definite promise can be made but an effort will be put forth to help as soon as possible. The board thanked the county commissioners for the calculator purchased for the superintendent's office.

## Mystery Farm Photo to Be Identified



The operator of the farm pictured above will receive a beautiful enlargement of the original photo free if he will call at The Clipper and identify his farm. Everyone recognizing the farm should let The Clipper know, so that its identity can be published next week.

## 700 Anglers Catch Over Ton of Bream, Bass on Opening Day

Coffee County and the surrounding area have their fair share of ardent fishermen. Ed Donaldson will testify after opening his pond to anglers Saturday morning. The first carload of fishermen arrived at the pond at 1 o'clock in the morning. And before daylight the surface of the lake was dotted with boats making their way through the night with flashlights. This vanguard of early birds proved a hectic day for Mr. Donaldson as he finally ended up selling 700 permits on the first day his pond was opened for public fishing. A crowd estimated at a thousand persons, including the fishermen, visited the pond site.

Over a ton of fish were weighed on the scales at the concession stand during the day and some anglers undoubtedly did not have their catch checked. Since opening day, Mr. Donaldson reports about 125 anglers have been using the pond each day. He had sold 1000 permits at \$1 each. Good catches were reported Monday and Tuesday. Building and stocking the pond was done under the supervision of the Soil Conservation Service and is part of a permanent pasture program being worked up by Mr. Donaldson on his land in that area.

## Mrs. Clara Smith Dies on Friday

Mrs. Clara Smith, 71-years-old, died May 29 at the home of her son, J. R. Smith, in Elba. She was a member of the assembly of God Church and resided in Coffee County many years. Surviving are two sons, J. R. Smith, of Elba and C. D. Smith of Andalusia; a step-son, Paul Smith of Passafium; one brother, F. W. Dyess of Elba. Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Elba Assembly of God Church. Rev. Dan Dubose officiating, assisted by Rev. E. T. Edgar. Burial was in Bluff Springs cemetery. Hayes Funeral Home directing.

## 5th Sunday Service

Rev. Elvin T. Edgar, Methodist pastor, delivered the sermon at the fifth Sunday union service held at the Baptist church Sunday. He spoke on "Ask Seek Knock." A youth choir under the direction of Mrs. George Lamar Miller led the singing and gave a special number.

## 6 Wet River

The group of boatmen composed of James Patrenos, Robert Ziegler, Owen Ziegler, Richard Head, Donnie Morrow and Paul Miles who went down the river Thursday night, returned home on Friday morning. Several days in advance of their schedule. They were bound for Choctawhatchee Bay but a serious mishap happened their return. Ziegler and Head entered a narrow place in the river where the current was swift and there was only enough room for one boat at a time. Their boat hit a sunken log and was turned sideways. Patrenos and Newton, who were about 25 yards behind, collided with the lead craft and the boat occupied by Morrow and Miles piled up on the middle of the river. The sunken boat and most of its contents were saved except for a canteen lid and bottle of mosquito dope. The accident occurred at a point between Samson and Geneva. The party was delayed for a day and as it rained on them most of the time they became tired of wearing wet clothes by Thursday when they reached Caryville, Fla. Dry beds seemed to be better than sleeping under bridges, so they decided on coming home. Erskine Ziegler and Jimmy Ziegler were the only ones to return.

## Roy Barlow Farm Recognized by Many

Most Clipper readers had little trouble last week in recognizing Roy Barlow's place in Basin community as last week's mystery farm. Some of the first to call in to identify the photo were Roy English, Bill Stokes and Celia English. Mr. Barlow has a good-sized farming operation around Basin, where he owns a total of 100 acres of land. His property is divided up with 425 acres in pasture, 100 in improved pasture and the balance in young timber. Of his row crops, 80 acres and 275 in corn. Barlow's cash crop for Mr. Barlow is peanuts. However, he said he did make a good return off his hogs and corn. To work his place, Mr. Bar-

## Stokes, Conner Make Political History

Jackson W. Stokes and Ben Conner made Coffee County political history Tuesday when they swept to victory in the races for state representative and county tax collector. By beating E. O. Griswold of Enterprise 2931 to 2621, Stokes became the first representative from Coffee County to ever be re-elected to the post. When elected four years ago, he was the youngest man ever to be seated in the state legislature. In electing out a seven-vote victory over Doc Littleton, Ben Conner was following in the footsteps of his father. Fifty-four years ago and fifty years ago, Ben's father was named as Coffee County tax collector. In the closest race in county political history 46 years ago, Ben's father lost the post to Marion Folson, father of Governor-elect James Folson. The margin of victory was two votes. Unofficial returns from all of the county boxes gives Conner 2776 votes against Littleton's 2769.

## Red Cross Chapter Here Might Close

The West Coffee County office of the Red Cross will remain open only until the end of June unless additional funds are raised for its support. Lister Brunson, chapter chairman reported Tuesday. In explaining the local chapter's plight, Mr. Brunson stated only \$1400 of a quota of \$3000 was raised during the fund drive. This gives chapter officers only enough money to continue operations through June. Last year the West Coffee County chapter received a grant of money from the national organization that enabled it to stay open. However, they do not make such grants to a local body two years in a row. If additional money is not raised, the chapter will be operated on a volunteer basis. In other towns this has not proven satisfactory, Mr. Brunson said because few people have the time necessary to devote to the checking up required in emergency leave cases and other routine chapter duties. Figuring on operating the Elba office on a half time basis, the local chapter chairman said an additional \$700 would be needed to last out the year. Major expenditures are on telephone calls and telegrams sent in connection with emergency leave cases. A very nominal salary is also paid Mrs. Gustie Hutehison. The committee in charge of seeking the additional money necessary to keep the office open is going to ask some agencies and individuals to contribute on a monthly basis. On this committee are Lamar Ferguson Jr., Ed Kendrick, Mrs. Bernice Bullard and Mrs. Mary A. Mays.

## HD Leadership School Set for June 10

A leadership school for Child Care leaders of county home demonstration clubs will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, June 10, at the Elba Courthouse. Miss Elita Myers, Child Care and Family Life Specialist at Auburn will present the study on "Family Religion." The following Mesdames from county clubs have been invited to attend: Camp Ground, James Tyler, S. W. Crumpler; Double Heads, Rex Lowery; Jesse Barr; Whitewater, Hue Ziegler; Leon Maddox; Curtis, Gratton Young; Midge Donahue; Key Line, James Russell; Roy Ellis; Evergreen, E. F. Leary; Bufford Owens; Damascus, D. W. Wood; Lynwood Danford; New Hope, A. W. Wilcox; Ed Fillingim; Zion Chapel, Sam. Ed Windham; Joe Sanders; Wilkes, J. D. Rodgers; Lee Livings; Goodman, W. H. Walls; Warren.

## 6 Wet River Cruisers Home

Young brought the well-soaked voyagers and their equipment back to Elba. Owen Ziegler flipped his glasses into deep water while casting, and wasn't able to recover them.

## ERIE J. BRYAN SUCCEUMS MAY 31

Erie J. Bryan, 59-years-old, well-known resident of Bluff Springs community, died Monday morning at a Troy hospital following a brief illness. He had resided in Bluff Springs community for many years and was to serve as returning officer at the June 1 primary. His son Hays Doyle Bryan had been appointed clerk in the same beat. For about a year, he had operated a grocery store next to Lindsey-Thomason Furniture Co. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Willie Lee Bryan; two sons, Hays Doyle and Donnell Merrell; two daughters, Mrs. Winslow Mathews and Mrs. Allen Rhynolds of Chickasaw; two sisters, Miss Gladys Dyess of Elba and Myrtle Allen of Glenwood, Rt. 1, a daughter, Newton Bryan, Glenwood, Rt. 1. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at Bluff Springs cemetery with H. H. Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Since buying the original plot of 70 acres Mr. Barlow has added 120 acres to his holdings. All but 12 acres of this farm are in permanent pasture. Grasses are Pensacola Bahiia and crimson clover. Mr. Barlow married the former Virginia Boutwell in 1937. She is his second wife. Eight children, all living at home are: Lannette 18, Betty Sue 16, Mary Frances 14, Shirley Ann 12, Lillian 10, Gennette 7, Kenneth 5 and Glenn 15. Organizations to which he belongs are the Farm Bureau, Alabama Cattlemen's Association, and the Basin Baptist Church. Fishing and hunting are Barlow's hobbies. He has a small pond on his place.

POOR ORIGINAL



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(Last Week)  
TRADE SCHOOL GRADUATION  
May 28 has been designated as Open House and Graduation Day

at the State Vocational Trade School in Dothan.  
J. P. Ingram, state supervisor of Trade and Industry, Education of the State Department of Education will deliver the principal address at 7:30 P. M. to the graduating class which numbers 127.  
Open house to which the public is invited, is scheduled from 12:30 to 3:00 P. M.

### AFTER 40 YEARS REIGN



The school baseball team will play an all-star team immediately following the Open House.

**Seniors Entertained At Municipal Park**  
(Last Week)  
The Senior Class was entertained Thursday afternoon at the Elba swimming pool. Dr. & Mrs. J. M. Kinney, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Clark and Mr. & Mrs. Louise Dismukes entertained in honor of their children. Andy Kinney, Mary Ann Clark and Totsie Dismukes. Swimming and boat riding furnished the entertainment and later in the evening a wicker roast was enjoyed.

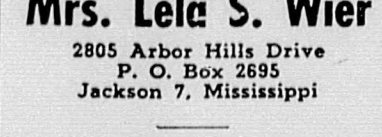
**Marriage Licenses**  
Two marriage licenses were issued from the Elba Probate office during the past week to: Harry Winston Boland, 21, Elba, Rt. 4, and Miss Ruby Scarborough, 19, Troy, Rt. 2.  
Jimmy M. Bell, 18 (col), Elba, and Virginia Gray, 18, (col).

**FAMILY NIGHT**  
(Last Week)  
Family night Friday at the Methodist Church will be a covered dish supper at 7 o'clock. Following the meal, graduating exercises of the Vacation Church school will be held with the "Sharing Service."

## ARTHROSIS?

I have been wonderfully blessed in being restored to active life after being crippled in nearly every joint of my body and with muscular soreness from head to foot. I had Rheumatoid Arthritis and other forms of Rheumatism, hands deformed and my ankles were set. Limited space prohibits telling you more here but if you will write me I will reply at once and tell you how I received this wonderful relief.

**Mrs. Lela S. Wier**  
2805 Arbor Hills Drive  
P. O. Box 1685  
Jackson 7, Mississippi



Let Satan should get an advantage of us, for we are not ignorant of his devices. (II Corinthians 2:11)

We will be and will remain strong only so long as we recognize Satan's devices for what they are. But too often there are habits and indulgences which we cling to stubbornly because they please us—when we know they are harmful, weakening, and unrighteous.

## CHURCH SCHOOLS

(Last Week)  
Vacation church schools began simultaneously Monday at the Elba Methodist and Baptist churches. Sessions are being held each morning from 8:30 to 11:30 Sunday through Friday. Classes are being held for the kindergarten, primary, junior and intermediate pupils.

## SCHOOLS SPOTLIGHTED

One thing the segregation decision issued by the Supreme Court has done is spotlight the general deficiencies in education in the South. People living here sometimes forget that their children are handicapped insofar as general education is concerned by being born in this section. When the training they receive in schools is compared with that of children in New York or California, it falls far short of being equal.

The "why" of this is shown in a recent study by the Ford Foundation Fund for the Advancement of Education. Studying the school setup with a view towards the effects of a non-segregation decision would have in Southern classrooms, they came out with the following findings:

"If Negroes and whites were immediately reshuffled throughout the South's school system, the same general deficiencies in physical facilities, teacher training, curricula and the like would exist."

"In such a reshuffling (putting them together in the classroom) of white and Negro students in the south, says the study, the deficit would fall evenly upon members of both races, but the overall standard of public education would not be materially improved."

The study did not make this statement as a damning indictment of public schools in the South but as a matter of fact in comparing them with other parts of the nation. According to the study, educators discovered, "The South is only now reaching the point where there are enough classrooms and enough teachers to meet the minimum demand of its children for education. There has been general discrimination against Negroes, it is true, but it could have been corrected only by pouring additional money into the total system, and by lowering the standards of white schools."

"If at any point in the past discrimination had been wiped out by total integration the effect would have been that some Negroes would have gone to better schools and some whites to worse—but no appreciable economies would have resulted to make additional funds available for improvement of the total system."

"Southern schoolmen have had to recognize—as the public often has not—how the gap between white and Negro schools is only one aspect of the region's total problem, and that there is no way that it can be considered apart from the overall deficiencies of the Southern school system."

"The general disparity between white and Negro schools has its counterpart in the inequalities between urban and rural schools in the South. In every state there are counties in which the best white school by any standard of comparison is inferior to the worst Negro schools in the larger counties. And the educational problems of the rural South have been increased by recent population trends, which in the decade after 1940 saw a loss of 4,200,000 people in the farm areas of the 15 states."

"Recent improvements in the South's rural schools have only begun to scratch the surface of the accumulated deficiencies."

White-Negro equalization "would become a secondary item in a budget that also took into account the increasing school population, urban-rural equalization, and a modest degree of general improvement."

"If the South undertook to meet all of these needs by 1962, its total school bill in that year would amount to about 2.2 billion dollars, an increase of more than 50 per cent over the 1951-52 figure."

**2-WAY RADIO**  
The two-way radio system ordered by the city in cooperation with the Civil Defense offices has been shipped according to word received by city official this week. A mechanic will come to Elba to install the system.

Three units have been ordered but the city was authorized to install five if it desired. At the present time, three will be put in.

They will be installed on the city police car, electric and water truck and fire truck No. 1. A unit in the Police Department office will enable the law enforcement officers to communicate with other state and local police agencies as well as the State Highway Department.

## Editorials

"Could the South afford these costs? The answer is yes—if its income continues to rise at the rate of 3.1 per cent a year, and if it continues to spend 3.3 per cent of its income on public schools."

Coffee County has a bigger problem than most people realize because of its economic situation. Alabama has one of the lowest incomes per family—\$1800—of any state in the union. According to the 1950 census, Coffee County did not even reach the state average, showing a family yearly income average of only \$1200.

The people of Coffee County just do not have lots of money to put into schools. As a result, school officials must move slowly with any plans for improvement. Most times it isn't making improvements, but just a struggle to keep even with the board. On the whole elected and appointed school officials are doing as much as they can with what they have to work with. It is a terrific job to bring the caliber of the Southern schools up to the level of the rest of the nation. Coupled with the Supreme Court ruling against segregation, it means that both white and colored are going to have to have a lot of patience and forbearance in working on the school problem.

**WIVES OF POKER PLAYERS—NOTICE**  
Most wives know whether or not their husband is addicted to poker playing. If he is, and often comes in with the sad tale that the boys took him for a ride at a particular evening, he is probably telling the truth. After seeing what odds are against her card-playing husband, the little woman is more likely to believe his tale than when hubby comes home minus the grocery money.

The odds are against improving a hand that contains a four-straight flush open at both ends. You can have, say, the eight, nine, ten and Jack of Spades, and draw one card—but it's still a little better than 2 to 1 that you will not improve the hand (discounting the possibility of a pair). It's 23-12 to 1 that you will not get a straight flush; almost 7 to 1 that you won't get a flush at all; and almost 8 to 1 that you won't get a straight. And when you draw two cards in hope of getting a flush, the odds are 23 to 1 against you; when you draw three for a flush, it's 97 to 1.

It's 22-12 to 1 against getting four of a kind when you draw triplets; and over 350 to 1 against getting four of a kind when you go in with a pair and take three cards.

So the odds are that the old man really did drop a few bucks in that game with the boys.

**TOO LONG A RULE!**  
The Republic of France, which has had troubles in plenty, furnishes an unhappy example of what prolonged government control can and does do.

Rent control was slapped on French housing during the First World War and it's been on ever since. Before that time, a Frenchman paid about 16 per cent of his income for housing. After the Second World War the proportion dropped almost to one per cent. Today it is still only about five per cent, after Government-decreed increases.

In such an unprofitable situation, the French builders stopped building. As a consequence—and with the average home built in 1925 years old—one out of every five citizens in Paris lives in a crumbling, overcrowded dwelling. Outside Paris it is even worse. No modern country houses its citizens, so miserably—but Government rent control stays on!

On Monday the town election was held in the Mayor's office. J. C. Davis, G. H. Thigpen and S. L. Hutchison acting as managers. There was no opposition to the ticket nominated at the town primary held a few months ago. Forty-seven votes were cast, all of the old officers being re-elected.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
Talks on Gardening, Home and Farm sanitation were given by Mrs. Marvin Parker and Mr. Howard Moody. A talk on control of Cotton Insects was given by Mr. Speed and he also showed a film on cotton care.

**ENTERPRISE VISITORS**  
Mr. & Mrs. Drexel Cook and children of Enterprise visited their parents, Mr. & Mrs. C. N. Cook and Mrs. Joe T. Young.

**BASIN COMMUNITY**  
The Basin Community meeting was held May 7. Gus Farris led a song and Mrs. Herbert Weeks led the prayer.

**SHOP IN ELBA**  
CLIPPERS FOR SALE  
At Whitman Drug and Enelsh Drug Center.

Thursday, June 3, 1954

## Legal Notices

**TAX COLLECTOR'S SALE**  
State of Alabama, Coffee County  
By virtue of a decree rendered by the Probate Court of said county on May 24, 1954, I will proceed to sell to the highest bidder for cash, before the court house door in Elba, said county, within the legal hours of sale,

On Friday, June 18, 1954, the following described real estate for taxes and costs due thereon for the year 1953, to-wit:  
TO: CECIL BOB ADKINS, Beat 6  
Lot No. 5 and 6, Block 5, with Res. in Mulberry Heights, a subdivision of Elba, Alabama Tax and Costs, \$8.29; Printing Fee, \$2.23; Total, \$10.52.

TO: LULA D. HAMMOND, Beat 6  
Lot No. 28 & 29 Block No. 4, with 3 room res. in Mulberry Heights, a subdiv. of Elba, Alabama Tax and Costs, \$8.29; Printing Fee, \$2.23; Total, \$10.52.

TO: SHELLY PHILLIPS, Beat 6  
One 5 room res. & lot E of N. Adkins St. bet. N by L. H. Hammonds, in Elba, Alabama Tax and Costs, \$8.27; Printing Fee, \$2.23; Total, \$10.50.

TO: DELMAR BELL, Beat 6  
Lot No. 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, Block 6 with 5 room res. in Mulberry Heights, a subdivision of Elba, Alabama Tax and Costs, \$8.27; Printing Fee, \$2.23; Total, \$10.50.

TO: HATTIE J. LANE, Beat 18  
Lot No. 31 & 32 Block No. 4 in the City of Kinston, Ala.; Tax & Cost, \$3.59; Printing Fee, \$2.23; Total, \$5.82.

TO: MRS. ELLA POTTER, HEIRS, Beat 19  
SE quarter of NE quarter, Sec. 18, S half of SW quarter of NW quarter Sec. 17, Township 6, T. 6 N., R. 10 E., S. 10 E., Printing Fee, \$2.23; Total, \$17.56.

TO: A. C. CARTER, NON RES.  
One acre of land in NW quarter of SE quarter of SW quarter Sec. 12, Township 6, Range 19, with privately owned church building; Tax & Cost, \$7.09; Printing Fee, \$2.43; Total, \$9.52.

Zelma M. Devane, tax collector.  
May 27—June 3-10-17

**Glass Has Grown From Mere Ornament To Valued Material**  
NEW YORK—Men have known how to make glass for 5,000 years, yet it was only a century and a half ago that they began to learn how to make the very special kind of glass which spectacle lenses are made. Modern optical glasses, by aiding the eye, has probably done more to extend human knowledge and welfare than any other single material developed by man with his own hands.

In the field of science, perfected microscopes and telescopes enable the study of bacteria and stars a million light-years from earth. As spectacle lenses, optical and optician's glass corrects nearsightedness, farsightedness, and astigmatism. Without these lenses, few people over 20 would be able to read or do any close work easily, if at all.

For thousands of years, the art of using glass developed in a totally different direction. In 3,000 B. C. glass was a thing of beauty, adorning church windows, the goblets and glass jewels of medieval craftsmen and the cigarettes of feminine fashion.

When the Romans conquered Egypt, 26 B.C., they collected a portion of their tribute in Egyptian glassware. They learned how to produce glass objects themselves, and took the art with them into barbarous Gaul. From there it spread to the Frank and Britons.

Spectacles were invented around 1285 and lenses were made out of any glass that came to hand. A big step was made in the late 16th century when a Swiss glass-maker named Guinand invented the process of stirring the molten glass in his crucible. This gave the process making the molten glass more uniform and free from imperfections caused in the melt.

Howard the Orville, a retired naval captain and meteorologist said it may some day be possible to control the weather by seeding by "seeding" clouds in the United States. In the event of a "weather war," Orville said, America should have the advantage. He told a news conference gathering that at some time in the future it might be possible to cause droughts or torrential rains over the Soviet Union, and the best Russia might be able to do in return would be to cause such effects in Alaska and western Canada.

The "seeding" of clouds is done with dry ice or silver iodine to cause rain. Overseeding causes clouds to dissipate. Orville stressed there is yet "no scientific evidence" to back up his concept that weather might eventually be controlled at such distances, but that indications of success in local weather control make it worthy of consideration.

**Reserve Defense Fleet Over 2,000**  
WASHINGTON—America's Defense Reserve Fleet passed the 2,000 mark in 1953, the American Merchant Marine Institute says, reporting 2,003 vessels were at fleet sites in December.

Of this number, all but 27 are products of World War II, when American shipyards turned out roughly equivalent to one-third of the world's merchant fleet. The number of ships at fleet sites in December were increased by 29 with the return of Victory Ships which had been operating for the Military Sea Transportation Service under General Agency Agreements with private lines. In addition to the 2,000-odd ships located at Reserve sites, the nation has an active privately-owned fleet numbering 1,231 vessels. These include dry cargo and tanker ships, plus cargo and tanker ships.

Some 1,513 of the ships laid up at the National Defense Reserve Fleet sites are Liberties, 243 are Victories and ten tankers built during the last of the war. The laid up ships are strategically located along the nation's Atlantic, Gulf and West Coasts.

**Cloth of Gold**  
NEW YORK—Two American companies are now making yarn of a cloth of gold more practical than the luxury fabric called by that name in the 16th century. The modern yarn is not gold, but aluminum-coated with plastic which has the color inside. True gold thread was made by winding a fine strand of gold around copper wire.

Manufacturers say the modern product doesn't tarnish, it can be washed or drycleaned, and costs only \$3 to \$3 per pound, compared with \$80 a pound for gold.

Secretary McKay's statement has been hailed as an important move in the direction of water development. He believes that while government has been doing an excellent job, it is doing an excellent job.

"In this league he has a perfecting average of 420 and a batting average of 280. This is a fine semi-pro league and I was quite surprised to find this man in it and doing so well. He's considered one of the most hustling men in the league and has earned the respect and friendship of many people so far."

"My interest in this man stems from the fact that I played against Sam about seven years ago while he was with the Bama Mill team of Enterprise. I was with the Pittman Florida Independents and well remember the two hits he gave us while beating us, 5-0."

**Perdue HD Club**  
The Perdue Home Demonstration Club met May 9 with Mrs. John Kendrick Mrs. Hollie Boutsell and Mrs. B. B. Ward in attendance. Mrs. Kendrick gave the devotional. Miss Mamie Matthews gave the demonstration on "Ironing Short Skirts."

Refreshments were served by the hostess. Next meeting will be held with Mrs. Clyde Lee in June.

**WILL BE GRADUATED**  
John Burton Harper of Elba will be one of the 550 students graduated at Alabama Polytechnic Institute on June 5.

**SOCIALS**  
Dr. & Mrs. M. V. Miles and children are visiting her parents Mr. & Mrs. B. B. Ward in Browning, Mont. Mr. Ward is Superintendent of the Indian Reservation Schools.

Mrs. Jack Chambliss and Lucy of Montgomery visited Mr. & Mrs. Wayland Young last week. Mr. & Mrs. J. W. English of Fort Payne are spending the week here.

Mrs. Ruby Ellis spent last week in Montgomery and Birmingham.

**McKay Sees Natural Resources Development as Local Problem**  
(Second of Four Articles)  
By Edwin R. Cotton, President American Watershed Council, Inc.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Special)—Recognition that responsible water and soil conservation rests primarily with local citizens is gaining momentum in national political circles.

Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay is supporting Administration policy to return development of natural resources to local bodies in so far as possible. Under the previous policy coordination between groups was lacking because of what Secretary McKay has termed "the concept of federal power monopoly." Emphasis then was on multi-purpose dams and hydroelectricity, although the law clearly states that power should be considered only as a by-product of project, the primary purpose of which should be flood control, land reclamation or navigation.

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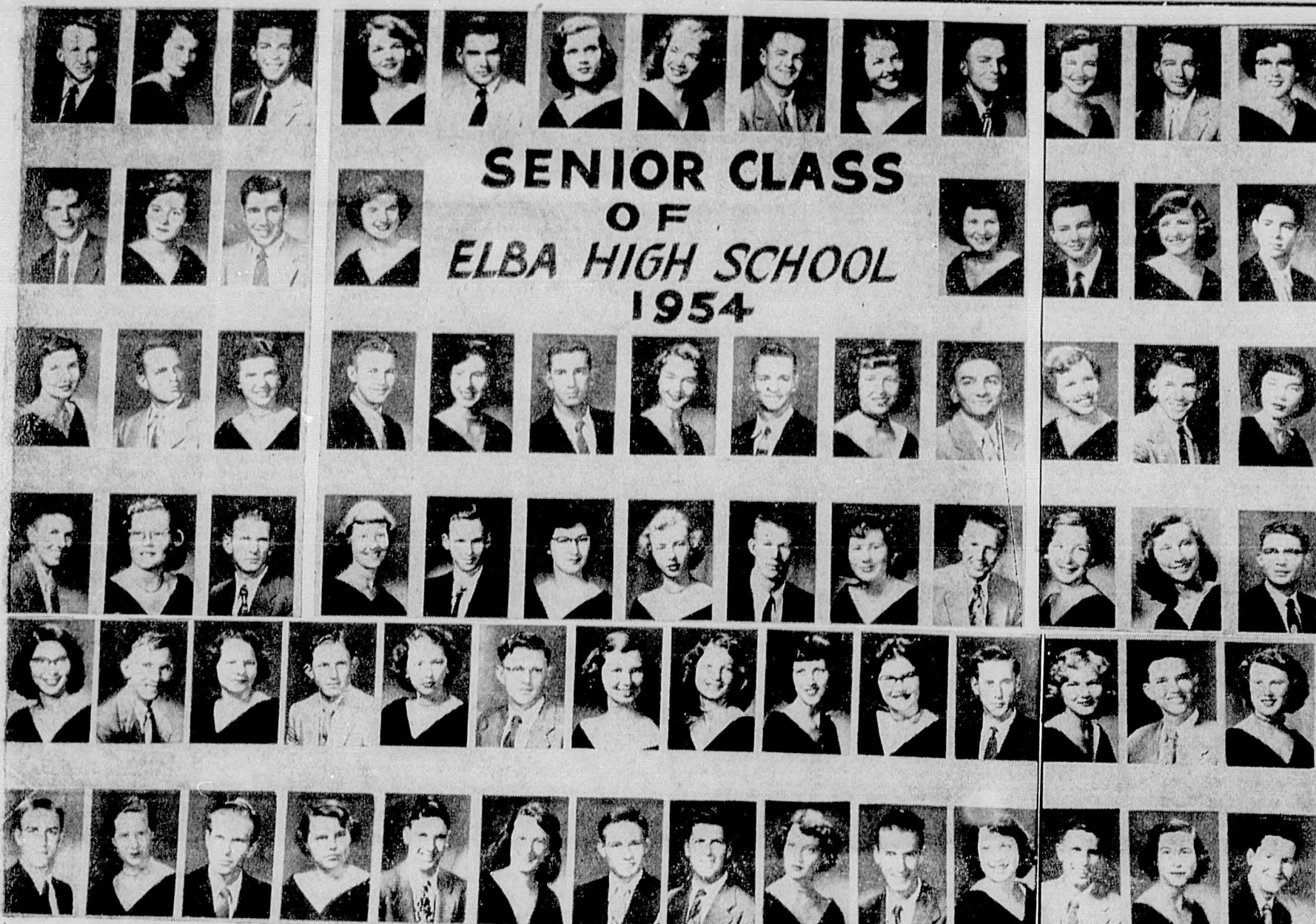
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## SENIOR CLASS OF ELBA HIGH SCHOOL 1954

Left to right—  
FIRST ROW—Bert English, Jane Free, Jeff Ham, Travis Bowers, Tolye Dismukes, Emma Jean, A. C. Brunson, Laura Bragg, Jack Padgett, Peggy Hudson, Bobby Jerigan, Margatha Crook.  
SECOND ROW—Doyle Morrow, Peggy Holloway, Jack Parker, Elaine Crook Bullard, Janaria Hornsby, Andy Kimmy, Merle Leddon, Charles Ellis.  
THIRD ROW—Betty Brown, Walden, Robert

Moore, Barbara Grantham, Robert Newton, Mary Ann Clark, Ed Potts, Anne Jim Dorman, Wayne Hamm, Mary Dean Nevels, Robert McCollough, Betty Parrish, Leroy Hudson, Jean Boswell.  
FOURTH ROW—Bobby Hudson, Lanette Barlow, Lamar Knott, Shirley Brooks, James Kelley, Nell Williams, Celia English, Roy Frank Devane, Mary Virginia Ammons, Felix Coon, Finnie Michel, Ann Miles, Owen Ziglar.  
FIFTH ROW—Martine Brown Willis, Kinney Ham, Robbie Farris, Herschel Williams, Kimmy

Strickland, Bobby Boutwell, Emma Jo Dewberry, Betty Wise, Carolyn Hudson, Geraldine Crook, Richard Newman, Nellie Knott, Willie Ray Crocker, Elsie Parker.  
SIXTH ROW—Charles Danford, Ann Harris, John Dan Lowery, Ramona Cowen, Jimmy South, Sarah Faye Lewis, Harry Jacobs, Elliott Kendrick, Nina Hudson, Owen Free, Neila Merle Stevens, Layd White, Fairy Willis Maddox, Ronald Farris.

Mr. & Mrs. Earl Peers and children of Birmingham visited her brother General Pinckard and Mrs. Pinckard last week.

Miss Judy Pinckard is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. Ralph Sharpless, and Mr. Sharpless in Troy.

**Parakeets for Sale**  
CAGES  
BIRDS  
STANDS  
English Game Farm  
PHONE 211

**Television Sets**  
Wholesale & Retail  
Easy Pay Tire Store

## CECIL Drive-In

Highway 84—Midway—Enterprise and New Br. Kton  
PROGRAM FOR THE WEEK

Thurs.-Fri., June 3-4	Sun.-Mon., June 6-7
Untamed Frontier	Prince of the Pirates
Joseph Cotton	John Derek
Shelly Winters	Barbara Rush
Saturday, June 5	Tues.-Wed., June 8-9
Bullets for Bandits	Black Castle
Charles Starrett	Richard Greene
	Boris Karloff
Thurs.-Fri., June 10-11	
	FARMER
APE MAN	Takes a Wife
Bela Lugosi	Betty Grable
Louise Currie	Dale Robertson

## SPECIAL SALE

(We Need the Cash)

★ 75 Half Size Dresses  
MUST BE SOLD THIS WEEK  
★ Sizes 12 1/2 to 22 1/2  
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## SOCIALS

John Jr. Wilkerson of Wetumpka spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. John Wilkerson.

Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Cook and Mr. & Mrs. Drexel Cook and children, spent the weekend on the coast.

Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Cook attended the graduation exercises of the Kindergarten class in Enterprise Thursday night. Carl Cook, their granddaughter, was a member of the class.

Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Corley (nee Tolye Mae Bryan) and children of Sanford, Fla. are spending some time with her grandmother, Mrs. Ida Bryan.

Mr. & Mrs. T. T. Oughterson and Mrs. Clyde Courson of Stevard, Fla. spent last week with their sister, Mrs. Elwood Taylor.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Rowe Brunson and children of Ozark spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Moley Boutwell and Mrs. A. C. Brunson.

Mr. & Mrs. Cleo Trawick and children of Inverness visited here last week.

Gus McCall has returned from a visit with relatives in Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. & Mrs. Basil Whitman returned Friday from a week's vacation in Havana, Cuba.

Mr. & Mrs. Lamar Bullard and Chris of Decatur spent several days last week with their mother, Mrs. William Bullard.

Mr. & Mrs. Wayland Dubose and children of Slomcomb spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Parker.

College arrived Saturday to begin as youth worker for the Baptist church during the summer.

## Television Sets Wholesale & Retail Easy Pay Tire Store

Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Ham and their children and grandchildren, Mrs. Martha Ham of Columbus, Capt. William Ham and family of Washington, D. C. and Mr. & Mrs. James Ham and children of Birmingham spent last week at Sunnyside Beach.

Dick Rowe, student of the medical school in Birmingham, spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Steve Rowe.

Major George Parker of Washington, D. C. spent the weekend with relatives here.

**Thieves May Make 6,000 'Visits' Next Three-Day Holiday**

WAUSAU, Wis.—More than 6,000 burglaries will take place over the three-day holiday in the United States unless proper precautions are taken by homeowners, apartment dwellers and storekeepers.

Byrd Mitchell of Montgomery is visiting his daughters, Mrs. Charles Hayes and Mrs. F. A. Farris.

## Smokey Says:



Fires don't burn well in wet weather!



"People who are living beyond their income should begin acting their wage."

Protect your house from this fire over the long holiday weekend. Nearly \$200, he declared. This is a potential loss of \$1,200,000. He warned especially that rural burglaries were up about 15 per cent last year.

Records kept by Employers Mutual of Wausau show that burglaries increase considerably over three-day holiday periods. Professional and amateur thieves take advantage of carelessness on the part of homeowners and businessmen. Here are some rules to protect your home and store:

Homeowners—Don't leave any outward evidence that you have gone away for the week-end; stop milk and newspaper deliveries; don't pull down the shades; leave an upstairs light burning; lock up securely.

Businessmen—Don't leave money in your store over the long week-end. Deposit any large amounts of cash in your bank's night deposit box after business hours Saturday.

## Dutchman Was First To See Microbes Under Microscope

CHICAGO—The man who first saw microbes was Anton van Leeuwenhoek, a Dutchman who thus became one of humanity's great pioneer benefactors. Microbes, once seen, were then studied and dealt with by later geniuses like Pasteur.

Leeuwenhoek, born in 1632 in Delft, Holland, was an amateur scientist. It was said that his father was a wealthy brewer who died when Anton was very young, forcing the boy to leave school and keep a store. But he had an inspiring hobby—grinding lenses. He spent hours shaping stubborn glass by hand and mounting them in tubes to stare at the wonders they revealed.

Though he did not invent the microscope, he knew how to make and use it. He was the first who ever thought of looking at a drop of water through a microscope. What he saw took his breath away. The tiny drop of water swarmed with a host of living, moving things—little animals or "beasties" as he called them, without suspecting their power. After that he looked for them everywhere and became a microbe hunter who learned that our world is teeming with microscopic life.

His achievements went far beyond the discovery of bacteria. He demonstrated the power of the microscope to uncover objects invisible to the eye and thus became a founder of microbiology, one of the most fruitful techniques in the whole range of science.

Indirectly, the knowledge he accumulated contributed to the scientific development of everyday spectacles, which enable millions of people to see more perfectly the world they live in.

## Cup of Coffee Still Holding Own

WASHINGTON—The public's cup of coffee is still holding its own. President Eisenhower is a great coffee drinker. Large quantities are washed down on Capitol Hill—at ten cents a cup in the Senate restaurant. Federal workers in most department cafeterias are drinking as much as usual—3 cents black, 7 cents with cream.

Last year the average American consumed nearly 14 pounds of coffee, which was almost three pounds less than he used during his heaviest coffee drinking year, 1946. Washington, capital of the world's greatest coffee-using nation, equals the annual per capita mark and probably tops it considerably.

Brazil is America's big supplier. During the present 1953-54 harvest year its total production is heading toward 18 million bags of 132.3 pounds each. The 1954-55 crop, however, is expected to be a million bags less than normal, because frost last June damaged or killed many trees.

During the past fiscal year the Army ordered 31½ million pounds of coffee (roasted and ground), the Navy 18½ million and the Air Force 15½ million.

## Marriages Were Up Over 200,000 in 1953

NEW YORK—Some 20,000 more bachelor bachelors posed the question in 1953 than did in the previous year according to a report which says that 1,253,000 marriages took place in the United States last year.

The marriage rate for 1953 was 8.7 per 1,000 population, about two fifths below the all-time high of 16.2 per 1,000 in 1946. Although the marriage rate is now at the lowest point in two decades, it is still substantially above that of the early 1930's.

The downswing in recent years is explained as largely due to depletion of marriage eligibles by population by the great boom in marriages which occurred during the years immediately following World War II. In 1946, there were 2,291,000 marriages, and nearly two million in each of the next two years.

Another factor helping to keep the current marriage rate down is that fewer people are coming of age because of the decline in births. Two states—Missouri and Delaware—showed an increase of about one sixth in marriages in 1953.

## Western Europe

WASHINGTON—Western Europe's economy is geared to industrialization. Only 54 per cent of the total land area is suitable for farming and grazing. Vast ranges of the Alps and Pyrenees carve these regions into numerous isolated valleys and plains. Many countries are obliged to import a large part of their food requirements. Great Britain imports more than half its needs.

Western Europe is an area of some 1,250,000 square miles, extending westward from a line stretching approximately from Stettin on the Baltic Sea south to Trieste on the Adriatic. To the east is the Iron Curtain, encircling the Soviet Union and its satellites.

## Thank You

Voters of Coffee County for re-electing

me to the post of State Representative. I

shall endeavor at all times to look after the

best interests of this county.

## Bill Stokes

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Little Carolyn Ann Marler was honored on her fourth birthday with a party by her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Carol Marler. Misses Mabel Marler and Judy Pearce supervised the games.

Those attending were Scottie Cain, Dickie Maddox, Ray Jr. Trammell, Terry and Ronnie Trammell, Judy Pearce, Mable and Sara Marler, Dianne and

## SOCIETY

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Phone 330 or 483

### CIRCLE NO. 1

(Last Week)  
Circle No. 1 met Monday afternoon with Mrs. J. D. Whitman as hostess. Mrs. Sam Sawyer presided and Mrs. Alton Bullard gave the devotion and prayer. Rev. M. L. Seay taught the lesson, "Thus It Is Written" by Henry Carmel Goerner. Refreshments were served to Mesdames Alton Bullard, Sam Sawyer, Fulton Clark, Leslie Johnson, R. L. Sharpless, Sallie Wise, W. J. Parker, Kimmye Dor, J. D. Stinson and Rev. & Mrs. M. L. Seay.

Mrs. Al Blackburn and little son spent last week with her sister, Mrs. A. C. Brunson. Mrs. Blackburn lives in Tusculum.

Mrs. Price Ringo spent the weekend with Mr. & Mrs. Donald Hammond in Dothan.

Marion Brunson of Camp Gordon, Ga. spent several days last

week with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Fox Brunson.  
Mrs. Hardy Davis of Mobile visited Mr. & Mrs. Levy Foley last week.

Mr. & Mrs. H. S. Whitley and daughters, Myrtle Whitley and Mrs. Weyth Bragg, are spending the week with Mr. & Mrs. Audrey Jacobs at Gulf Port, Miss.

Mr. & Mrs. Dick Jones left Monday for New York City to spend the summer. Dick will enter school in the fall at Bryant's College, Providence, R. I.

Rev. & Mrs. M. L. Seay left Sunday night enroute to St. Louis where they will attend the Southern Baptist convention.

Mrs. F. L. Seymore, Mrs. Minnie Bailey spent the weekend with Mr. & Mrs. George Hocutt of Birmingham.

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry House and

### Circle No. 3

(Last Week)  
Circle No. 3 of the WMM met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. G. Bragg with Mrs. Will Clark as co-hostess. Mrs. W. P. Windham presided and Mrs. Bragg gave the devotion and prayer. The lesson was given by Mrs. H. B. Larkins. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess to 11 members.

There are now about 15 million portable drills in use compared with no more than 100,000 in use 15 years ago. Now, power tool manufacturers have a two-way market. First, home owners who can not afford to hire professional help and purchase new power tools to speed their weekend and evening projects. Second, previous customers who are an important secondary market for different tools and new accessories.

Manufacturers are directing their efforts to millions of owners of new basements homes who do not have room for a large workshop and among new offerings is a portable saw carrying case which tucks the tool away in a closet corner when not in use, can be opened into a bench stand for precision saw work, grinding and the like. A 34-piece drill kit with attachments for buffing, sanding and other tasks hangs on the wall so that everything is in easy reach.

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### Amateur 'Fixers' Expected to Boost Power Tools Sales

NEW YORK—The "do it yourself" boom is expected to boost the sales of home power tools 10 to 15 per cent in 1954.

With home building still in full swing, the industry will have millions of new customers this year, with the biggest customer for electric tools "amateur" who does his own work to save money.

An industry spokesman recently said, "The best sellers will be basic, easy-to-use tools which do a number of jobs. For example, combination kits which convert a portable drill into a saw bench, lathe, grinder, sander and other implements are good investments for the budget-minded man. He wants a tool to do dozens of repair jobs, not to build an expensive cabinet."

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### Rescue of Man Brings Citation

LEXINGTON, Ky.—A 16-year-old Negro honor inmate at Kentucky State Penitentiary, who was "nervous" was honored recently for rescuing a man from an angry bull.

The boy, David Perkins, is known as "Tenacious." A farm boy, he is assigned to the dairy barn. The rescued man was Village dairyman Irving Gwinn, 56, who suffered fractured ribs and bruises when attacked by the 2,100 pound Holstein. Gwinn was attacked as he cut a tangle of wire that had caught on the bull's leg. He managed to hold to a ring in the animal's nose, but was struck several times before Perkins reached him.

Using a 4-foot steel bull staff lying in the lot, the boy clutched the hook to the ring in the bull's nose and twisted until pain forced the animal to turn from Gwinn.

The injured man was taken to a Lexington hospital where he was reported in good condition the next day. Perkins was slated to be honored at a village ceremony and Village Superintendent, Lewis Tveit said the boy would be recommended for a Carnegie Hero Fund Commission award.

### Small Taste of Red Rule Proves Unsavory

ROME—A small taste of life under Communist rule was enough to cause two enthusiastic Italian Communists to change their way of thinking.

Domenico Faticati and Pietro Merlino were such enthusiasts that three years ago they decided to go to Russia and enjoy the full benefits of Stalin. They got as far as Hungary, where Communists heaved them into a concentration camp, later into a forced labor camp.

The Red bosses ignored the Italian's praise of Stalin and Communism in general. The Italian Consulate finally managed to get them free and sent them home. One of their first acts upon reaching their homes was to resign from Italy's Communist party.

Joe & Josephine Miller of Midland City and Johnny Miller of Enterprise spent last week with their grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. C. O. Miller.

Mr. & Mrs. Alton Beckham of Luverne spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. W. W. Ham. Kermit Crook is recovering from an appendectomy at Edge hospital in Troy last week.

Mrs. C. M. West, and Mrs. Lander Curreton and children spent Sunday with Mrs. J. M. Bonneau and Mrs. B. S. Franklin.

Buddy Windham of Atmore spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Morgan Windham.

Dr. & Mrs. E. M. Warr and children have moved into their new home on Brantley Road which has recently been completed.

Spring Planting  
WASHINGTON—The Agriculture Department has recommended that farmers plant smaller acreages to vegetable and early potatoes to be marketed next spring.

It recommended 469,550 acres to be planted in 17 spring potatoes, a reduction of seven per cent from the acreage harvested last spring.

It also recommended an early commercial potato acreage of 210,000 acres, a reduction of 24 per cent from last year's planting.

### Art Show Attracts 75 Local Entries

(Last Week)  
Approximately 75 entries were placed at the first Elba Art Show held Sunday at the High School gym. Twelve people finished the pictures, ceramic and other handicraft work put on display. Approximately 56 per

sons attended the show held from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Punch and cookies were served by the Elba Study Club, sponsors of the project.

CITY REC PROGRAM SCHEDULE  
(Last Week)  
June 1—Jaycee vs Independents  
June 2—Vets vs High School  
June 3—Church vs Jaycees  
June 4—Vets vs Independents  
June 5—Church vs High School  
June 6—Dorsey vs Jaycees  
June 7—Jaycees vs Ind.  
June 8—Vets vs Church  
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Rained out games will be played after the regular season. A playoff is scheduled after the season among the top four in the league standings. Playoff winner will be named league champion.

Coach Gaither announced that anyone wishing to contact him may do so at the swimming pool.

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By Edwin R. Cotton, President  
American Watershed Council, Inc.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Special)—Soil is our greatest reservoir and will hold more water than all of the structures man can build. Failure to recognize this simple fact has cost the nation's taxpayers billions of dollars.

In taking cognizance of this serious waste, a House report on Soil Conservation and Watershed Programs had this to say: "In the past four decades more than \$3 billion of federal funds have been spent on flood control projects and almost every month, disastrous floods cause damage somewhere in the nation with alarming regularity."

In considering Watershed legislation, Congress recognizes that there is a serious gap between upstream activities of the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior and downstream activities of the Corps of Army Engineers. It is expected that a program developed in the watershed by local citizens with these agencies acting as service organizations where the national interest is involved, will bridge this gap and enhance benefits to all of the people in a river basin.

Joint Action Required  
Responsibility for government's participation in small watershed soil conservation and water reclamation programs will rest with Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson under current watershed legislation. This legislation requires the Secretary to act jointly with other federal agencies, states, counties and other local government units, soil conservation, watershed districts and local citizens groups in a program that will provide an additional means of aiding in the conservation of scarce water supplies.

This new program is designed to hold the water near where it falls either in the earth or in small holding dams on branches and creeks in

watersheds of the main stream. Conservationists have long advocated such treatment to avert rapid runoff and consequent soil erosion; also to prevent water, accumulated in these streams during heavy rains, from converging on the main river simultaneously and causing downstream floods. Previously, too much reliance was placed on big multi-purpose dams to control such floods. These have not done the job simply because 70% of flood damage occurs on the agricultural lands in the upper reaches of the watersheds.

Exemption from taxation to give preference customers a subsidy in their electric power rates has had a strong influence on decisions to build multi-purpose dams. Perhaps the watershed legislation, which provides that "the cost of the program and improvements shall be shared equally between participants in proportion to the benefits each will receive," might also be applied by Congress to hydroelectric projects. Certainly there might have been less pressure for large dams and, quite possibly, more upstream water treatment under way today, had the laws governing sale of hydroelectricity to public bodies and cooperatives been based on a similar principle of equal payment and if land owners had been consulted, instead of political economists, in the process of setting their power tax-free while the other 5% of the nation's electric consumers do not, pressure for more power dams will continue.

On the other hand, they are enthusiastic over the new watershed legislation because they see in it direct economic benefits to agriculture, industry and labor and to cities which are dependent on controlled runoff of water from their watersheds. Economists feel that so long as these public bodies and cooperatives get their power tax-free while the other 5% of the nation's electric consumers do not, pressure for more power dams will continue.

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